

WHAT IS CLAIMED

(a) generating, from at least location of the monitored environment that is proximate to a region which a tagged object may enter, a magnetic field encoded with information intended for a tag entering said region; and

2. A method according to claim 1, wherein step (b) comprises causing said tag to change the repetition rate of RF transmissions therefrom.

8. An arrangement for controlling the operation of a system for geolocating objects within a monitored environment, wherein RF transmissions from tags associated with said objects are detected at a plurality of spaced apart monitoring locations containing tag transmission readers, and outputs of said tag transmission readers are coupled to an object location processor, which processes said outputs of said tag transmissions to geolocate said tags and thereby their associated objects within said monitored environment, said arrangement comprising:

at least one magnetic field generator located proximate to a region which a tagged object may enter, and being operative to generate a magnetic field encoded with information intended for a tag entering said region; and

a magnetic field receiver installed on said tag and being coupled with RF transmission circuitry of said tag, and being operative, in response to detecting said magnetic field, to cause said tag to perform a prescribed function.

9. An arrangement according to claim 8, wherein said magnetic field receiver is operative to cause said tag to change the repetition rate of RF transmissions therefrom.

10. An arrangement according to claim 8, wherein
said magnetic field receiver is operative to cause said
tag to increase the repetition rate of RF transmissions
therefrom while said tag is proximate to said region, and
5 to cause said tag to revert to its previous repetition
rate after said tag is no longer proximate to said
region.

11. An arrangement according to claim 8, wherein
said at least one magnetic field generator comprises a
distribution of magnetic field generators proximate to
said region, which are operative to generate a plurality
5 of magnetic fields encoded with said information and
provide complete spatial coverage for said region
irrespective of the orientation of said tag.

12. An arrangement according to claim 9, wherein
said region comprises a passageway connecting separate
portions of, or has mobility within, said monitored
environment.

13. An arrangement according to claim 9, wherein
said at least one magnetic field generator is operative
to frequency shift key encode a magnetic field generated
thereby in accordance with said information.

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at least one magnetic field generator located
15 proximate to said region and being operative to generate
at least one magnetic field modulated with information
used to control the operation of said tag; and

a magnetic field receiver installed on said tag and
being coupled with RF transmission circuitry of said tag,
20 and being operative, in response to detecting information
modulated on said at least one magnetic field by said at
least one magnetic field generator, to cause said tag to
increase the rate of RF transmissions thereby.

18. An arrangement according to claim 17, wherein
said at least one magnetic field generator comprises a
distribution of magnetic field generators proximate to
said region, which are operative to generate a plurality
5 of limited range magnetic fields encoded with said
information and arranged to provide complete magnetic
field spatial coverage for said region irrespective of
the orientation of said tag.

19. An arrangement according to claim 18, wherein
said region comprises one of a passageway connecting
separate portions of or has mobility within said
monitored environment.

20. An arrangement according to claim 18, wherein

said at least one magnetic field generator is operative
to frequency shift key encode at least one magnetic field
generated thereby in accordance with said information.

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